

Old Providence News

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Old Providence ARP Church

Dear Old Providence Family,

By the time this newsletter reaches you I suspect that the outside will look greener, and the weather will feel warmer! Spring is here, and with spring comes Easter and the celebration of Christ's resurrection. Let us all glory in the tangible reminders of the season that point to newness of life. In addition, let us turn our minds to the passion of our Savior's crucifixion, the glory of His resurrection, and what these things really mean for us.

We recently began studying the book of Acts in our daily devotionals and in chapter 2 we find Peter's great sermon at Pentecost. What he preached to the crowd is so important for us to remember today. Peter preached: *"²² Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³ This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴ But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.*

This passage reveals the beauty of Easter and the fact that though Christ was handed over as the perfect Lamb of God, death could not possibly hold Him. As a result, not only did Jesus pay for the sins of His people, He also points to our hope for the future as He is the "first fruits of those who have fallen asleep (I Corinthians 15:20)." Another way of saying this is that His resurrection points to God's promise for all those who trust in Christ alone for their salvation. Christ's resurrection shows us that this life is not all there is. As a result, Easter is the central event of our existence as the people of God. Would you consider celebrating with us this year?

Our plans for this year's Easter services are contained in this newsletter, but we will gather at the Stone Hall (weather permitting) at 7:00 a.m. for our Sunrise Service. We will enjoy breakfast immediately after in Providence Hall with Sabbath School at 9:00 a.m. and then have our regular service at 10 a.m. It would be wonderful to see you there. Let's celebrate our Lord's resurrection and all of God's promises together.

Your Pastor,

Patrick



Easter Sunday

On Easter Sunday, April 9th, there will be a Sunrise Worship Service at 7:00 a.m. outside at the Stone Hall so please bring lawn chairs/blankets. Immediately following that service, we will have breakfast available in Providence Hall. We will have Sabbath School at 9:00 a.m. and Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. Children's Church will meet, and Nursery will be available for the 10:00 a.m. service.

April 2023 Announcements



As of publication of this Newsletter, we have Sunday Morning Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. and Sabbath School at 9:00 a.m. Children's Church is available during the Worship Service. Nursery is available during the Worship Service and during Sabbath School. Youth Group meets every Sunday at 5:30 p.m. Little Lambs meets the first and third Sunday monthly from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Pastor Malphrus will post his sermons after Sunday Morning Worship Services on [Facebook.com/OldProvidenceARChurchSpottswood Va](https://www.facebook.com/OldProvidenceARChurchSpottswoodVa) and will also post the audio version of those sermons on [sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence](https://www.sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence). Please contact Patrick for assistance. You may access our Facebook page, edited newsletters, [sermonaudio.com](https://www.sermonaudio.com), announcements, church calendar, and more by visiting our website at [oldprovidencechurch.org](https://www.oldprovidencechurch.org). For a copy of a Sunday sermon on CD, or to add or update your information for notifications received through the One Call System, please contact the church office.

Daily Devotionals with our pastor are available at 6:00 a.m. Monday through Thursday through our church's Facebook page via [facebook.com/OldProvidenceARChurchSpottswoodVa](https://www.facebook.com/OldProvidenceARChurchSpottswoodVa) or our website (www.oldprovidencechurch.org) by clicking on the Facebook icon. Recordings are available through [sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence](https://www.sermonaudio.com/oldprovidence), which may also be accessed from our website, or the sermonaudio app. For a copy of a devotional on CD, please contact Patrick.

Weekly Bible Study and Prayer Services are on Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. with Pastor Malphrus.

Home Bible study at Susie and Pat's home takes place on Tuesdays, at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, call Pat.



Little Lambs



Little Lambs will meet on Sundays, April 2nd and 16th, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. There will be an **Easter Egg Hunt** at Old Providence on Saturday, April 8th at 10:00 a.m.

Monday Mid-Day Program

Our next Monday Mid-Day Program will be on April 3, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. with speaker, Patcie, on the topic *"My Journeys to the Ends of the Earth with the Holy Spirit as My Guide"* followed by a light lunch and fellowship. The program takes place in Providence Hall. The cost of lunch is \$3 and there is a sign-up sheet to help with meals by the kitchen door. On April 17th Mark will speak on *"Israel and the Church"*.

Women's Ministries Window

Women's Ministries is sponsoring a project to help Kingsway families by collecting canned fruit (peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, applesauce, etc.) in small or large cans. The collection will run through April 16th. Collection boxes are in Providence Hall. Women's Ministries will meet on Thursday, April 6th, at 10:00 a.m. for a business meeting, followed by Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. We will be studying Chapter 3 in the book entitled, *Revelation for You*, by Tim Chester, which covers Chapters 4 and 5 in the book of Revelation. All Women are welcome.

Bus Trip



Currently, we need more participants for the bus trip to the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C. on May 23rd. To sign up see Linda or Martha ASAP or no later than April 16th. The cost of the trip is \$55 for members and regular attendees, and \$65 for guests. These prices include bus transportation and museum ticket. The meal will be Dutch treat.

WRE Update

At the last Riverheads Weekday Religious Education meeting Dana reported that her classes are going well, and she has started reading the Easter story. She said the students really listen and take in this story. The next Meeting is on Monday, April 17th, at 7:00 p.m. at the WRE classroom.

Community Events

WRE Cake Walk - April 15th starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Mint Spring Ruritan Building. We could use any and all of your support by donating cakes, participating in and sharing the event! Food will be available for purchase. Please come join in on the fun!! WRE Spring Praise Night – May 7th at 6:00 p.m. at Raphine Christian Church. If you or your group are interested in singing, please join us that night and share your talent.

Riverheads WRE

Raphine Volunteer Fire Company BBQ Chicken Fundraiser - April 22nd at 11:00 a.m. at firehouse.

Young Adult Sabbath School Class

The Young Adult Sabbath School Class, for ages 18 years and older, is starting a study of the Book of Esther. We invite you to join us Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Old Fellowship Hall.

Sanctuary Project Implementation Update

The Sanctuary Refresh Project committee has met with contractors to do the electrical, construction, plaster repair, and safety railing work. Meetings with painters will begin after the construction schedule is better defined. All contractors are busy with backlog work, meaning much work will need to be scheduled for later this year. Please pray for the project and contractors as we begin signing contracts.

April 2023 Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 2 - Palm Sunday

Spring Special Offering for Synod Causes

8:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Amanda and Isabella

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Carrie and Lois

5:30 p.m. - Little Lambs and Youth Group

Monday, April 3

11:00 a.m. - Monday Mid-Day Program

Tuesday, April 4

7:00 p.m. - Home Bible Study

Wednesday, April 5

6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

Thursday, April 6

10:00 a.m. - Women's Ministries

10:30 a.m. - Women's Bible Study

Friday, April 7 - Good Friday

Church Office Closed

Saturday, April 8

10:00 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 9 - Easter Sunday

7:00 a.m. - Sunrise Service

8:00 a.m. - Easter Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

9:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Carol and Summer

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Amanda and Vicki



Tuesday, April 11

7:00 p.m. - Home Bible Study

Wednesday, April 12

6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

Sunday, April 16

8:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Cindy and Amanda

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Patcie and Sue

5:00 p.m. - Diaconate Meeting

5:30 p.m. - Little Lambs & Youth Group

Monday April 17

11:00 a.m. - Monday Mid-Day Program

Tuesday, April 18

7:00 p.m. - Home Bible Study

Wednesday, April 19

6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

Sunday, April 23

8:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Terri and Stacy

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Dabney and Tina

5:30 p.m. - Youth Group

Tuesday, April 25

7:00 p.m. - Home Bible Study

Wednesday, April 26

6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

Sunday, April 30

8:15 a.m. - Breakfast for Local Missions

8:45 a.m. - Nursery Helpers: Amanda and Isabella

9:00 a.m. - Sabbath School

10:00 a.m. - Worship

Children's Church Leaders: Laurin and Kristi

5:30 p.m. - Youth Group